

This is the building where Moss Hill Baptist Mission meets, the sign says. The trailer is one of several owned by the State Convention Board, loaned to missions. The state only has 19 missions now

Church planter does on the job training

Baptists in Union County planted a little mission earlier this year and now they've planted a church planter to help it grow.

David Allen, 26, is a missionary at the Home Mission Board, employed as pastor of Moss Hill Baptist Mission in New Albany. Funds come from churches in the association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the HMB.

Allen, who grew up in Holly Springs and Louisville, is a Church Planter Apprentice. And it's on the job training. The mission operates the full program of activities, though members haven't yet begun eating there on Wednesday nights regularly. But 60 showed up for a covered dish supper

The mission meets in one of the double-wide mobile trailers owned by the convention board, and sits on two acres of land bought by the association and is by an old house where Allen, who is single, lives.

The late Guy Culver, when he was director of missions for Union County, worked toward beginning a Baptist mission in that part of the county. And when Marvin Cox took over the job, he took the missions committee in the fall of 1980 around northwest Union County, looking at holes in the map where they were no Baptist churches.

The committee hit on the area where the mission ended up, on "oldest" Highway 78, a mile south of Pumpkin Center, near the fairgrounds. The associational Brotherhood surveyed the

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Annual convention

Mississippi Baptists will meet Nov. 8-10 in Jackson

The 147th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will begin at 1:30 p.m., next Monday, Nov. 8. convening at its traditional meeting place, First Baptist Church, Jackson. Messengers to the convention may

come from the nearly 2,000 affiliated

Features of this year's program include presentation of a \$15 million Cooperative Program budget, election of officers, and addresses from the presidents of the two major missions organizations in Southern Baptist life, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. Together these two organizations employ nearly 7,000 missionaries in the U.S. and in 96 foreign countries.

The budget proposal for messengers to consider totals \$15,071,000 and includes a basic budget of \$14,571,000 and an advance portion of \$500,000. A total of 34.5 percent would go directly to Southern Baptist Convention causes. This is a one-half percent rise over 1982, continuing a pattern set in 1974.

James Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, is completing his

first one year term as president. He is eligible for a second one-year term.

The two mission board presidents are Keith Parks and William Tanner. Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, based in Richmond, Va., will be the closing speaker for the convention Wednesday morning, Nov. 10. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, will speak during the afternoon session, Nov. 9.

Bible study leader for each of the six convention sessions, will be Brian Harbour, a former pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. He is now pastor of First Church, Pensacola,

Other major speakers include Harold Bennett, James Yates, Jim Keith, and Earl Kelly. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, will speak Tuesday morning.

Yates will deliver the presidential message, Monday afternoon; Keith, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, will present the annual sermon Tuesday evening; and Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead a session concerned with state missions Monday evening. Kelly's presentation will include a report on Mississippi Baptists' activities in Partnership Missions with California and the South American countries of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina.

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HMB appoints state couples

Two couples with Mississippi roots were appointed recently by the South-ern Baptist Home Mission Board, one named missionary associate, the other an upgrade to full missionary status.

James and Jessie Perry were appointed missionary associates to New York where he has become director of missions for the Adirondack Baptist Association.

Perry, a Florida native, is a graduate of William Carey College and attended Southern Seminary in Kentucky. He was pastor of First Church, Sanford, Miss., 1967-70 and was pastor of churches in Florida, Alabama, and New York. He is a former director of (Continued on page 2) ·



ssengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention will each receive a copy of convention program, the cover of which, is shown here.

Together Baptists, Jews

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, N. C. helping fulfill the mission of God's (BP)-"Christians shouldn't stop missionizing, but Christians should stop missionizing Jews," said Rabbi Leon Klenicki, co-director of interreligious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith during one of a series of Baptist-

Klenicki was the opening speaker in

The New York rabbi stressed the mutual responsibility of Jews and Christians for missions, saying "we have to missionize together" in trueness to God's covenant with Noah charging the faithful with bringing God to the world, adding the best technique of mission for both Jews and Christians is to "live in God."

From beginning to end of the dialogue, Jews affirmed Christians as people.

B. Elmo Scoggin, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., the major Baptist speaker at the dialogue, said the issue of mission and witness is vital because of the command to evangelize the world.

Luther Copeland, senior professor of missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. added that, without harshness or any implication of superiority, he feels he must present his witness of God's activity in Christ to his Jewish friends.

Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman of Washington Hebrew Congregation agreed Jews and Christians have the same essential mission—to study and declare their faith to the world and to develop a righteous community that makes faith believable.

Haberman, the major Jewish (Continued on page 2)

hash out some conflicts

Jewish academic dialogues.

the four-day meeting at Wildacres Retreat, a Jewish-owned center located about 30 miles northeast of Asheville in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Moun-

having a part in God's covenant and

Upper Volta president commends Baptist project

By Al Shackleford OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta-President Saye Zerbo of Upper Volta told representatives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board that a Baptist hunger and relief pilot project is "one of the best rural development services in all Upper Volta."

Meeting with the president in his office were Wayne Allen, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of East Park Church, Memphis; Al Shackleford, editor of the Baptist and Reflector; Bryant Durham, FMB missionary and chairman of the Baptist Mission in Upper Volta, and Larry Cox, FMB agriculture evangelist at the Sanwabo project. Cox is a native of Lexington,

Zerbo said 98 percent of the population depends on farming, but have no technology in agriculture. "Thanks to

the Baptist Mission I see a difference in the Sanwabo area," he said.

He described the most critical need in Upper Volta as water and praised Baptists' efforts in digging wells and in completing the dam for a 65-acre lake. "Most of the population are very courageous and will work, but without water they cannot be self-sufficient,2" he added.

Allen presented a certificate from Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander making Zerbo an honorary citizen of the state, a key to the city of Memphis and a certificate from Memphis Mayor J. O. Patterson Jr. making the president an honorary citizen of that

Noting the number of Tennesseeans who have come to serve as volunteers in Upper Volta, Zerbo observed, There is a feeling of brotherhood that already exists in the spirit and in the

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"Biloxi Three" join 21 Texans teaching discipleship in Brazil

Three in the Air Force, stationed at Keesler AFB, recently took part in a mission trip to Brazil, along with 21 Texans, mostly from First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The "Biloxi Three" as they were called, were Gary Kendall from Dallas, a sergeant, Toni Tucker, from N. J., a Pittsburgh, Penn., a staff/sergeant. Kendall's father, Doug Kendall, a former missionary to Indonesia and Africa, led the mission

ject in Brazil. The trip was in cooperation with the Texas Baptist Convention's partnership with the Brazilian Baptist Convention. The purpose was to hold a one-week Discipleship Seminar for the people in five Baptist churches in Anapolis, Central Brazil, about 80

tour. This was his third mission pro-

miles from Brasilia. Nightly, after time for preaching and singing, four teaching groups

were held. Participants rotated, to hear about a different subject each night. The seminar theme was "Growing in Christ." Topics covered were growing in Christ through Bible study, prayer, victory over sin, trials and adversities, quiet time, giving, sharing with others, praise and worship, home fellowship groups, and personal disci-

In Anapolis for nine days, the mission team also visited door to door, witnessing and inviting people to church. People they saw ranged from well off to very, very poor. Gary Kendall, of Biloxi, reported, "Many people became Christians, and many made rededications of life. Many Christians who had been discouraged prior to our arrival said they were greatly encouraged by our coming there. Our tour guide from Anapolis to Brasilia became a Christian on the 80-mile return trip. When the bus stopped, the driver

was witnessed to, and he became a

Christian. Back in Rio, our other tour guide became a Christian five minutes before we got to the airport to leave the On their last night in Brazil, the

gobup went sightseeing in Rio. Sgt. Kendall relates an experience they

"Several of our team members werd walking on the beach when they came on a lady very sad looking, sitting on a bench. This lady spoke only Portuguese, but it just happened that one of the team members there that night spoke Portuguese. As they talked to the lady, they found out that she was very bitter because her daughter had died of cancer.

"Steve Willingham was also walking with that group. His daughter had recently gone through a long fight with cancer, of which she was cured, so he could understand and minister to the needs of this woman. She listened and

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For this missionary couple lifestyle goes with message By Norman Jameson FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)-MaryDean Phillips' hardest times as a missionary to Zambia weren't when she was working in the bush station, doing without or in danger during civil unrest.

She suffered most when she learned Christian friends she depended on for prayer support were more concerned with biblical inerrancy and politics than with missions.

MaryDean and her husband Bill are Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first, missionaries-in-residence. "Our prayer is that because we've been here, many more people might respond to missions," said MaryDean. "Bill and I are convinced God is calling many more to foreign missions than are finding their way there."

"If, for example, Southern Baptists have the potential to win 100 people in an hour to Christ, how many people are left unsaved when we spend 45 minutes of that hour arguing about doctrine?" she Phillips tells of a Zambian bush church to which

he traveled every two or three months to baptize 10 to 20 persons won to faith in Christ by church mem-

Then, personalities embroiled the church in a conflict which consumed all its energies. When Phillips returned there were no baptismal candi-

He worked to resolve the conflict and when he came again he baptized 18. Southern Baptists concentrating on personalities

and doctrine may be just as distracted "if we begin to emphasize anything that's not our main reason for existing," Phillips said.

Still the Phillipses have been encouraged about mission interest since their return to the States. They find church members eager to learn how the Cooperative Program supports missions as well 'We're generally encouraged, but it's a little discouraging to know the needs around the world and see us (Southern Baptists) using our time for other things," said MaryDean.

Losing touch with friends in the States leads to heartaches upon returning. Phillips was moved to tears remembering times he lifted U.S. pastors a examples of virtue to Zambian pastors struggling with culturally accepted infidelity—only to learn friends who left the ministry and of families sha tered by divorce.

"Zambians understand more who you are than what you say," said Phillips. "It's necessary to

have a lifestyle that goes with the message.' The Phillipses resolved lifestyle issues soon after arriving in Zambia in 1978. Seeing Zambians uncomfortable in their home the Phillipses gradually replaced their decorative furnishings with utilitarian local items.

When they noticed friends walking around the patch of carpet rather than across it to take a seat on the sofa they removed the carpet.

Like women in America, MaryDean was conscious of what she wore to church from one Sunday to the next. Unlike them she remembered so she could wear the same dress again, enabling Zambian women who only had one dress not to be selfconscious.

The Phillipses said their lifestyle consciousness dawned gradually. While they urge everyone to be aware of the consequences of their lifestyle on others, they said their only advice would be to do as

"People in America are crying for somebody after whom they can pattern their lives," Phillips said. He would like those models to be Christians who are visible stewards of God's material re-

As a general evangelist in Zambia for three and a half years, Phillips saw the number of rural churches in his area double from 17 to 34. He participated in more than 1,600 baptisms-results of national church evangelism, he said. "The people are eager to grow and worship to-

gether and mature in their Christian faith in Zambia," said MaryDean, who traveled with Phillips and stayed with him in the back of a truck he had converted to a camper. The closest Baptist mission station to the Phil-

lipses was 100 miles. Their own town of 35,000 had one grocery store and three gas stations where fuel was nearly \$4 a gallon. Caterpillars and field mice, sold in the local

market, complemented a steady diet of cornmeal

mush. Food grown locally was reasonably priced

but a refrigerator could cost \$3,000. Electricity was fairly dependable except when an elephant knocked down a power pole on a nearby game reserve. (Jameson writes for SWBTS.)



Bill and MaryDean Phillips, Southwestern Baptist Seminary's first missionaries in residence, adopted a lifestyle in Zambia that enabled them to put their Zambian friends at ease. They urge everyone to consider the consequences of their lifestyle on others. (Southwestern Seminary photo by David Bell)

Brotherhood Commission plans scripture distribution

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)-Directors of the Brotherhood Commission, meeting for their semi-annual conference, agreed to personally underwrite the cost of scripture distribution efforts in Pittsburgh this summer, put into motion the implementation of a Fellowship of Baptist Men, and elected 1982-83 officers

The scripture distribution project is part of a saturation evangelism campaign planned for 40 sites in the Pittsburgh area the week prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, scheduled June 14-16. The scripture portions would be given out by volunteers going house to house witnessing and inviting people to evangelistic rallies.

Brotherhood Commission Executive Director James Smith whose title was changed to president reported the commission has pledged to enlist 1,600 volunteers to help with the evangelism project. Enlistment of volunteers will be coordinated by Baptist Men's director Douglas Beggs and state Brother-

Recommendations on implementing the Fellowship of Baptist Men came to the commission from a lay advisory committee formed to seek ways to involve more laymen in Southern Baptist Convention activities.

The commission voted to form the fellowship as a part of the Brotherhood Commission. Initial officers of the fellowship-president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer-will be elected by the Brotherhood Commission at its April 1983, meeting. Future officers will be elected by the fellow-

Honduran RAs meet

More than 200 boys and counselors taxed the facilities of Lake Yojoa Baptist Encampment Sept. 17-19, during a Royal Ambassador camp. Attendance surpassed the 120 anticipated for the weekend retreat.

Under the direction of Marant Porras, a layman from Tegucigalpha, the encampment was sponsored by the Honduran Woman's Missionary Union, of which Mrs. Joyce Harms, Southern Baptist missionary, is presi-

With the exception of two Southern Baptist missionaries, the counselors and program personnel were Honduran laymen and pastors. Ralph Wilson served as counselor for a group of 10 boys from Choluteca, and Stanley Stamps, a Mississippan, recently reassigned to Honduras from Nicaragua, led the singing and one

Although currently promoted by the Woman's Department, of the Honduran convention, the Royal Ambassadors will probably pass to the newly developing Baptist Men's department

Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all.—Walt Suran

The commission also approved the formation of a lay speaker's bureau. The bureau, which will be compiled at the Brotherhood Commission, will identify outstanding lay speakers who could speak on a variety of subjects at conventions and other Southern Baptist meetings.

Suggestions for speakers would come from the lay advisory committee, state Brotherhood personnel, and **Brotherhood Commission staff.**

The Brotherhood directors elected James Garner, a layman from Blytheville, Ark., as 1982-83 chairman. Carl Voda, a layman from Alexandria. La., as vice chairman and Fred Harris, a layman from Hatch, N. M., as recording secretary.

The directors also approved an amendment to the commission's bylaws calling for election of 10 atlarge members based on state Brotherhood enrollment, heard a report that the completion of the Glendon McCullough Conference Center is expected this fall and reviewed annual reports from the commission's three

Draper lashes out at "spectatoritis"

By Mike Davis MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)— Southern Baptist President James T. Draper Jr., speaking to directors of the Brotherhood Commission, lashed out at complacency in Southern Baptist churches and warned that Bold Mission Thrust will fail unless the convention regains a zeal for evangelism.

"At the rate we're winning people to Christ today," Draper predicted, "it would take 9,000 years to win the current population of the world.

"Bold Mission is a farce," he continued, "unless we once again become a people who are zealous for the gospel, who are zealous for evangelism.

Draper outlined for the Brotherhood Commission directors and staff during the commission's semi-annual meeting in Memphis what he considers the four most pressing crises facing the Southern Baptist Convention. He labeled a lack of concern for

lost people as the greatest crisis. "While we're debating everything else as Southern Baptists, we need to get back to a basic concern that people be introduced to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour." "That crisis is greater than any theological crisis we might face."

Concerning the current theological debates in the convention, Draper shared that the question he is most often asked is: Are there really differences among Southern Baptists or is it just a power struggle?

"Folks," Draper emphasized, "I want to tell you there are tremendous differences among Southern Baptists. The one thing we have been able to ascer tain in all the meetings we've had with the various educational, pastoral and lay leaders of our convention is that there are tremend-

ous differences in our Convention. "We are a diverse group and that diversity has not been truly recognized in every area," he continued. "It's only recognized in pockets. We're in the throes of the pressure of trying to get the pockets together."

The convention is also facing a crisis of conviction, according to Draper.

"There needs to be a conviction about our message," he said, "I don't care whether you see the word inerrancy or whether you use the word infallible or inspired or whatever word you use about the Bible. I don't care what you call it, we just need to have a message that says men are lost, they need to be saved and we need to introduce them to Jesus-that's the task of the church."

The convention also faces crises of contact and commitment, Draper pointed out, charging that Southern Baptists have "spectatoritis.'

"I've come to the place where I've tried to decide in my own ministry whether I want to build an audience or an army," Draper said, "I've discovered that most people are audiences. We gather people in our churches who agree with our viewpoints, people who like to interpret the scripture like we do and we've got great audiences. We've got spectatoritis. We are not committed to what God wants us to do. I believe God wants to build an army, not an audience.

Draper called for Southern Baptists to learn how to contact people around them.

"We're the best trained, best equipped, most inept generation that has ever lived," he said. "It is a rare church that can get anybody to visit. It's a rare church that builds much of an attendance for outreach activities. We just don't know much about contact.

people with one-track hearts, one-track minds, loving the lost, reaching the world with the gospel." Draper concluded, "That's the real crisis we face as Southern Baptists."

(Davis is marketing services director for the Brotherhood Commission.)





HMB appoints state couples

(Continued from page 1) issions, Judson Association (Ala.).

Mrs. Perry is the former Jessie M. Nolen, also a Florida native, who attended Carey and taught adult nutrition at Auburn University. She and her husband have a daughter.

Charles and Verna Lois Holmes were upgraded from missionary associate to missionary status at the Rescue Mission in New Orleans he has been since 1974. He began as a counselor there, was appointed by the HMB in 1975, and now is associate director/chaplain there.

Both are natives of Columbia, Miss. and he is a graduate of William Carey College and earned the master of divinity and doctor of ministry from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Verna Lois Broom, have two sons.

Right of sanctuary violated, says Dunn

DALLAS (BP)-Authorities who pulled worshippers out of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Neb., and padlocked the church, violated the ancient right of sanctuary, according to James Dunn.

"It is devastating that a church can be padlocked and people, whatever the nature of their protest, can be dragged out of a church while in prayer," said Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

A five-year-old dispute between Louisville authorities and the church came to a head Oct. 18, when Sheriff Fred Tesch and his deputies went to the church and arrested Everett Sileven, who was conducting a singing session with children. The dispute focuses on the pastor's refusal to use

Moak chairs campaign

Paul Moak, Sr. has been named campaign chairman of the Partnership Campaign For New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary which is being held in Jackson. A goal of \$300,000 was announced by Landrum Leavell, seminary president,

Others involved in the campaign are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, who serves as honorary co-chairman for Mississippi; and T. M. Hederman Jr., who is honorary co-chairman for Jackson.

Woodrow Bailey, Julian C. Clark, and Howard McMillian Jr. served as division chairmen.

The campaign in Jackson is part of a larger campaign which was started several years ago and has already taken place in several other cities including Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, La., and Wichita Falls, Tex. The goal is to provide funds for a student center and increased endowment. The Chester L. Quarles Chair of Missions, named in memory of the former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is part of the endowment goal.

About two-thirds of the funds necessary to provide the student center will be provided by the Southern Baptist Convention, the source of most of the operating funds for the seminary, according to Leavell.

state-certified teachers in his churchrelated school.

"There is more involved here than religious liberty," Dunn said. "We are dealing with the right of assembly, the right of redress for grievances and the

freedom of speech. 'There is a clear distinction that can be made between the laws that relate' to certification of teachers and the padlocking of a church and pulling people out while they are worshipping. It is, if not technically and legally, at least emotionally and ethically, a violation of the ancient right of sanctuary."

Sileven, a fundamentalist preacher of the independent Baptist congregation in Louisville, was given a fourmonth contempt of court sentence for refusing to close his non-accredited Faith Christian School. He was released from jail Oct. 23 after promising to close the school temporarily.

More than 350 supporters from around the nation wept and cheered when Sileven returned to the church. One said the pastor promised a 'moratorium" on the school until the Nebraska Legislature meets next month in an emergency session.

Several times during the five-yearold dispute, Sileven has promised to close the school, only to reopen it

Dunn, whose agency is composed of nine Baptist bodies, including the Southern Baptist Convention, said he is not familiar with the background of the Faith Baptist dispute, but claimed it is beside the point when addressing the violation of rights.

"When an overreaction of this severity occurs, a line has been crossed," he said. "Whatever we believe about accreditation or non-accreditation. people of good will everywhere ought to respond negatively to a situation where the right of sanctuary has been violated."

(Parmley is religious editor of the Dallas Morning News.)

Baptists, Jews

(Continued from page 1) speaker at the dialogue, affirmed that Christianity has brought the revelation of God to areas of the world Jews could never have reached. He added that the value of a dialogue such as this is that it forces both sides to rethink their views and to work at restoring confidence in each other.

Thirty Jews and Baptists from 10 states and the District of Columbia were involved in the regional dialogue. sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board interfaith witness department and the interreligious affairs department of A.D.L.

A good laugh is sunshine in a

Upper Volta president. .

(Continued from page 1) heart between the people of Tennessee and the people of Upper Volta. It is great to notice that neither distance nor the difference in color has prevented this."

Expressing appreciation for this spirit the president pledged his continuing support and said he expects the relationship to grow.

After the meeting in the president's office, an interview with Durham and Allen was videotaped and played over the Ouagadougou television station.

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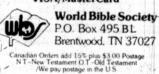
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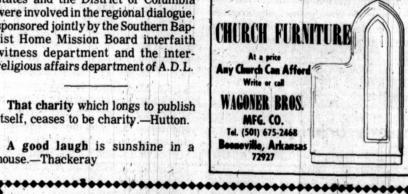
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Seminarian writes

Simon Kistemaker of Jackson. Miss., has been appointed by Herman Baker of Baker Book House to author the remaining volumes in the wellknown New Testament Commentary series started by William Hendriksen in 1954, which were left unfinished when Hendriksen died this January.

Kristemaker, is chairman of the New Testament department at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Hospital pointed out

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital is cited in the November 1982 issue of Ladies Home Journal as one of the 13 best hospitals in the South.

Charles Seabrook, medical writer for the Atlanta Journal who prepared the article for Southern readers, said he developed the list after talking with leading physicians, hospital administrators, state hospital associations, medical school faculty members, health educators and medical writers in the South.

Bullet grazes

OLINDA, Brazil (AP)—A stray bul-let grazed the shoulder of Southern Baptist missionary Lou Demie Mein as her husband David, North Brazil Seminary president, conducted an outdoor worship service.

Mrs. Mein and 14 Brazilian Baptists were listening to David preach under the trees at a Baptist deacon's vacation home near Olinda when a shot was heard in the distance. She felt something hit her shoulder. Astounded, she

watched a bullet drop into her lap. Because the bullet tore through a tree branch before striking Mrs. Mein its impact was slowed so it only grazed her shoulder. The worshipers guessed it was a freak accident.

Centers hiring

NASHVILLE-Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers are accepting applications for employment on the 1983 summer

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770 or to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8-SP, Glorieta, N.M. 87535-

Portugal fights

LISBON-The government of Portugal is moving to enforce its campaign against the heavy incidence of tobacco use and the mixture of alcohol and driving.

A law went into effect in late September permitting sobriety tests of automobile drivers. The new law will enable the authorities to crack down on the country's high rate of accidents attributed to the use of alcohol.

The first of the year will bring another law into effect which prohibits smoking in public places, including restaurants. It also will curtain advertising of tobacco products.

MK injured

GWERU, Zimbabwe (BP)-Beth Elliff, 14-year-old daughter of missionaries Tom and Jeannie Elliff of Oklahoma, is hospitalized in Gweru, Zimbabwe, with multiple fractures of the pelvis and burns after an Oct. 21

automobile accident. The girl, initially listed in critical condition by the hospital, is now doing well, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board representative Bud Fray reported Oct. 25, but may need skin grafts.

Brazilian Baptists celebrate a century

SALVADOR, Brazil (BP)-In the city where it all started, Brazilian Baptists celebrated 100 years of work.

The Oct. 8-15 week of festivitiesalso the 64th meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention - included evangelistic services in an 80,000 seat soccer stadium, parades, marches, a record number of registered messengers and long looks to the past and fu-

A century ago on Oct. 15, 1882, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Brazil, William and Anne Bagby, organized Brazil's first indigenous Baptist church in Salvador with five members. Today that church is still going strong and more than 3,100 other Baptist congregations meet nationwide. Brazilian Baptists number some

A strong sense of continuity prevailed as outgoing convention president, Joao Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janerio, presided at convention sessions. Soren's father, an early convert of the Bagbys, was the convention's first president. Two of the Bagby's children also were present: Albert Bagby, 79, of Alabama, and Helen Bagby Harrison, 82, of

Texas, both retired missionaries. A record 6,020 messengers registered for the convention and an average of 10,000 to 15,000 people attended sessions at the Fonte Nova Soccer Stadium and an adjacent gymnasium. The national Woman's Missionary Union convention, held Oct. 9 in Salvador, drew 2,200

Messengers elected pastor and evangelist Nilson Fanini as convention president and reviewed goals set a decade ago to be completed before the Baptist centennial. Baptists fell short of their goal of one

million church members and 6,600

churches by 1982, but membership has increased five percent annually in recent years. High inflation and weak Brazilian currency have hampered home and foreign mission programs. Brazilian Baptist mission boards, however, now support some 350 home missionaries and 70 foreign missionaries in 13 countries, including the United States.

Baptist seminaries and theological institutes surpassed their goal of 3,000 students in 1978. Despite bad economic conditions, numerous state and national denominational agencies and boards have reached or soon will attain self-support.

Proposed plans for the remainder of the 1980's call for passing the 6,000churches mark, starting 12,000 mission congregations and involving at east one percent of Brazil's population (now 128 million) in church membership.

More than 3,700 Texan volunteers participated in a four-year Mission to Brazil evangelistic campaign. The Texas-Brizil partnership, which winds up n October, has resulted in some 90,000 Brazilians committing their lives o Christ.

Currently 330 Southern Baptist missionaries work in Brazil, the largest humber in my single country. Many now work inder Brazilian Baptist ileaders.

Jus for the record

Wife: Which is more satisfied, a man with a milliondollars or a man with six children?

an Husband: Aman with six children. Wife: Can you prove it? Husband: Yes, a man with a million

dollars wants nore.

Southwestern alumni will meet Nov. 9

FORT WORTH, Texas - Alumni of Southwestern Seminary will hold a luncheon meeting Nov. 9 during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

James Williams, professor of adult education at Southwestern, will attend the meeting at Jackson's Holiday Inn Downtown.

Billy Hudgens, of the state convention Sunday School department, is president of the Mississippi Southwestern alumni. Ronald Shearer, minister of education in Brookhaven, is vice president and Charles Belt, pastor at Forest, is secretary.

Mid-America lunch

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon, will be at the Sheraton Regency in the Pioneer Room at 12 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9. For reservations, phone Jackie Cook at 587-7653 in Sontag.

MC breakfast

One highlight of the state Baptist convention each year is the complimentary continental breakfast, courtesy of the M.C. Alumni Associa-

The breakfast this year will be held, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at the Study Center South-First Baptist Church, 427 North State Street, Jackson, Tuesday, Nov. 9.

It will be sponsored by the Mississippi College Alumni Association.

It will help if we know you plan to.

come, so pick up your (free) tickets from a college representative," stated David Merritt ('57), pastor, Carriage Hills Church, Southaven.

MBREA luncheon

Diane Evans, Miss Mississippi, will highlight the MBREA fall luncheon on Monday, Nov. 8 in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a fellowship time with lunch being served at noon. Miss Evans, a graduate of William Carey College, will entertain members after

All persons who work in the field of Religious Education are invited to participate in the activities of the MBREA. Reservations for the luncheon at \$6.50 per person can be made through Mr. Glen Shows, Box 72, Clinton, Miss., 39056.

Missions directors plan breakfast

Members of the Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions will get Regional instrumental getner for breaking convention, on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7

Chaplains' banquet

The chaplains' banquet will be held in the Skyroom of the Baptist Building Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

BBI luncheon

Alumni of the Baptist Bible Institute will have a luncheon Tuesday, Nov 9 at 12:30 p.m., at Bonanza Steak House on Highway 80 West in Jackson. Speaker will be Joe Wood, director of promotion and public relations for the Institute. Participants will order from the menu. Contact E. Leslie Hicks, Box 276, Morgan City, Miss., 38946, phone

Carey breakfast

The William Carey College Alumni Breakfast will be held Nov. 9 during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Alumni will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Quality Inn (225 E. Capitol Street).

N.O. breakfast

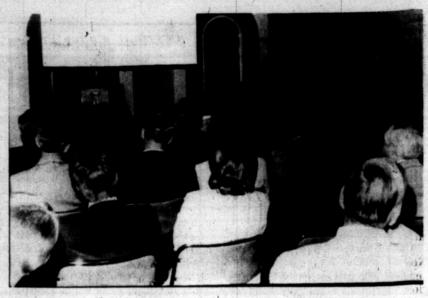
The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 12:15 p.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Delta III Room. All alumni are asked to purchase tickets in advance. They may do so by requesting your tickets from Ken Anderson, Box 178, Saltillo, Miss., 38866: The tickets are \$6.50 each. Landrum P. Leavell, II will be the

Southern Seminary to host reunion during convention

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Alumni and friends of Southern Seminary will gather for their fall reunion November tenth during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The reunion will be at noon at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Featured speaker will be Raymond Bailey, associate professor of communications and adjunct professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

Tickets and further information may be obtained from C. Glenn Sullivan, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 828 W. 2nd St., Clarksdale, Miss., 38614.



A prime time for television

About 200 Mississippi Baptists participated in a nationwide experiment to test the impact of leadership training via satellite. Shown is the group at the Holliday Inn, North in Jackson watching the special program which concerned reaching adults for Sunday School. Other sites in Mississippi were Natchez, Hattiesburg, and Laurel. Grady Cothen, Sunday School Board president, said during the live program that in the past, Southern Baptists "have been limited by man's inability to be in more than one place at a time." With Baptist TelNet, the Board's new network, those days are over. Each church may purchase a receiving dish and tune into Sunday School Board beamed training programs for a subscription fee, based, it is estimated, on church size. Costs will be announced early next year.

Baptists will meet

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In addition to a number of lay persons and ministers leading in prayer and Bible readings, each session will include a Christian testimony. They include David Michel, missionary to Argentina; L. J. Yates of First Church, Hazlehurst; Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest, Jackson; Toshiko Pigford, of Wade Church, Pascagoula; James Kitchens, of First Church, Crystal Springs; and Larry Goff, of Friendship Church, Ellisville.

Special music will be offered during each session including the choirs of First Church, Yazoo City; First Church, Gulfport; and Clarke College. The Joyful Sounds of Broadmoor

Church, Jackson; the Crystal Belles of Biloxi Three

(Continued from page 1) finally accepted Christ as her Savior, there on the beach in Rio.

"Now see God's hand in this. Rio has over 10 million people. Yet here was this one lady on that particular beach (there are several separate and very large beaches there) at that time. Here is a group from our team walking on the right beach at the right time. There is an interpreter with them, for no particular reason, and Steve, whose daughter has had cancer, is in the group. Everyone is there at that moment and time, not by chance, but by Divine Appointment. Isn't it beautiful to see God work?"

music be confined to school class-

rooms and march bands. Now the

churches are having the privilege of

instrumental music to enhance ser-

expressing worship. According to Dan Hall of the Church Music department,

Mississipp Baptist Conveniton Board, this is not a new idea, but an old idea

being revised. The Old Testament has

many descriptions of instrumental

music being used in worship and

Hall spoke at a regional instrumen-

tal workshop, held Oct. 25-27 at William Carey College, which gave minis-

ters of music and church instrumen-

talists the chance to meet with na-

tional and local experts in church in-

strumental music. The workshop was

sponsored jointly by the Church Music

departments of the Baptist Sunday

School Board and by the Baptist con-

ventions of Mississippi, Alabama, Ar-

The three-day workshop included

special interest conferences on under-

standing the instruments, arranging

music, developing instrumental prog-

rams, and using instruments in wor-

ship. Carey music professors and

other professors from regional Baptist

colleges and churches conducted the

Hall said that Carey was selected for

the conference because of its reputa-

tion for cooperation and willingness to

Coordinator of the event, James

Hayes, minister of music at First Bap-

tist in Hattiesburg, said that his

church has its own orchestra, which

performs twice a month. In addition to

instrumental presentations, the or-

chestra also accompanies the choir

and congregational singing. Hayes

said that instrumental music is com-

ing to the forefront in churches and

more music is being written for use by

churches. Because this is a new em-

phasis, regional workshops are being

held to help churches start and develop

Throughout the Southern Baptist

instrumental programs.

'roll out the red carpet.'

praise to God, he said.

kansas, and Louisiana.

First Church, Crystal Springs, and the Gore Sisters of Clinton are special ensembles presenting songs. And the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and their handbells group will offer music. Others making musical presentations include Graham Smith of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Cherry Dunn of First Church, Columbus; and Steve

Instrumentalists for the convention will be Becky Payne, organist, and Eva Hart, pianist, both staffers at First Church, Jackson.

p.m., Nov. 8, and conclude at 11:45

Huey of First Church, Brookhaven.

Convention sessions begin at 1:20 a.m., Nov. 10.



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Roles and relationships

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If you are thinking of family relationships as prescribed in the Bible, yes. If you are thinking of role patterns described in those ancient cultures, no! The "Bible time" families did not carry out what God prescribed for the

workshop held at Carey

family in Genesis. After sin came into the picture, the oldest living male family member was the boss, the patriarch. Marriages were arranged between families and became a contract, not a commitment. The man could have more than one wife at a time and also take concubines. The husband could divorce his wife for most any reason but she could not divorce him. These are just a few family patterns we would not accept today.

Through the Bible however, God commands commitment; justice; forgiveness; parental example and cluding children); and mutual love, respect, and trust between husband and wife. Practicing these relationships, building each other up with devotion and prayer, communicating with each other, are all a part of the kind of families the Bible commends.

Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.)

No longer should instrumental People Through Instrumental Music" has been chosen for 1982-83. The Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music department is promoting a three phase emphasis in instrumental vices and provide additional ways of music for the year. .

Preschool care to be

Preschool care will be vailable for children, ages birth thrugh five, at First Church, Jackson during the Mississippi Baptist Conention, Noy.

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Street. Signs point the wy.

Hours will be listed in te daily bulletin to be distributed during the convention. The following are rocedures to be followed:

1. Register, giving tames of the child or children, the arent, and the

2. Be sure all belonging are labeled.

Kevival Dates

Wesson Church, lopiah): Nov. 7-10; regular serves, Sunday; Mon.-Wed. 7 a.m. and p.m.; Howard Aultman, evangelist; om Larrimore, music evangelist; K1 Stringer, pas-

Oakland Height Church (Meridian): Nov. 7-12 Perry Neal, evangelist; Marion elton, music director; Sunday serves, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., p.m.; Marcus Finch, pastor.

McDowell Road surch, Jackson, began Oct. 31 an closed Nov. 3; evangelist, James Hickman, pastor of Unity Church icayune; music director, Gary "Sa" Cornett, full-time music evanget of Ripley; Wil-Convention, the theme "Reaching liam A. Vail, past

Mississippi Baptist Activies

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> for feeding. 4. Leave the children no earlier than 20 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the ses-

> 5. Children may stay through the noon meal if parents provide food baby food or snack lunch. The Preschool teachers will serve the children the noon meal only. All children must be picked up for the supper meal.

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Church planter does on-the-job training

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area finding a lot of people not being

reached by any church. And the Union

County group voted to lease a building

to start a mission Sunday School. One lease attempt fell through and nothing

That fall a committee member saw a

piece of property, applied to the Con-

vention Board for aid in buying it, and

else turned up all summer of 1981.

Webster joins

Hinds-Madison

James Webster is the new church

services director for Hinds-Madison

Association. He comes to the newly-

created position

Nov. 15, from Parkway Church in

Jackson where he

was minister of

Director of mis-

sions, J. W. Brister

explains Webster

will help churches

in education and re-

education.

A native of Pontotoc, Webster is a

graduate of Mississippi State and

Southwestern Seminary. He has been

interim missions director in Pontotoc

County. Other churches where he has

served as minister of education in-

clude Eastover, Fort Worth; Hillcrest,

Jackson; Inglewood, Nashville; Van

Winkle, Jackson; and Oak Park, New

His wife Katherine, is a secretary in

the Church Music department of the

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

They have three children, all in col-

More than 500 families are estimated to be in the adjacent area, with more building going on.

The first Sunday, Easter this year, the mission recorded 27 in Sunday School and 40 in worship. Cox filled the pulpit till Allen came in May following recommendation from his former teacher at Blue Mountain College, James Travis. Allen, a graduate of BMC and Southwestern Seminary with a master of divinity degree, preached for the associational Pastors' Conference which hired him. He said he was ready to go bivocational to be pastor there when the HMB came through with the appointment and the salary supplement.

As Church Planter Apprentice, Allen will, in two years, either go on elsewhere to be a full-fledged church planter, or stay at Moss Hill.

The mission, whose mother church is First Baptist, New Albany, is running 40 in Sunday School and 50 in morning worship services.

Allen touches a lot of bases. Each month he plays guitar and tells Bible stories to the kids at a Headstart program in Myrtle. He is teaching a Masterlife course to five church members, and he leads Saturday afternoon visi-

About 15 of the kids who come to Sunday School were reached through a mission Vacation Bible School this past summer. Allen and two women from First Church had about 45 in attendance with two out of three unchurched. Two Backyard Bible Clubs in nearby communities, led by Moss Hill and First Church people gathered another 45 kids.

Tom Sumrall First Church pastor and former missionary to Brazil recalls helping to start 20 churches in one day in Rio. He knows new work helps reach people. "A new work always attracts folks quicker than an established work would," he says.

His sentiments are echoed by Bobby and Charlotte Smithey, who have been at the mission since it opened. "The people around here just won't go to the bigger churches," says Charlotte, who, along with their five kids was saved in a mission.

Says Bobby, "We need a whole lot more missions-because there are more people to reach."

Life is a grindstone, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of. Josh Billings

When I think of those who have influenced my life the most, I think not of the great but of the good. John Knox

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Pray for the convention

No one has ever figured out how many messengers it is possible to have for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The number per church, of course, varies with the size of the church; and it would take a great deal of research to get the size of every church in the state and thereby determine how many messengers it is possible to have for the convention.

The maximum number of messengers per church is 10, and every church can send at least two. According to the convention constitution, the church with 851 members can have 10 messengers, and it scales down from there. A great number of our churches, however, have less than 851 members.

So let's say that the average number of messengers allowed would be five, and there are 1,925 churches. That would mean a possibility of 9,625 messen-

Well, we never have anything close to that. It's more like 1,400. But even if we had every messenger present that it was possible to have, there still would be something like 440,000 resident Mississippi Baptists who could not be messengers. But they are Mississippi Baptists just as much as those who will be messengers. They also have responsibilities toward the missions work of the convention. They also need to be involved in the convention that is coming up Nov. 8 to 10.

How? The answer is simple.

Prayer.

There never was a Baptist meeting that didn't need to be lifted up to the Lord in prayer that it might bring glory to his name. This one is no different. And it behooves every Baptist in Mississippi to exercise his privilege of prayer on behalf of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

These are not just phrases thrown out to sound good or make an impression on the eve of the convention. This is a matter of life and death. The items for discussion could mean the difference between eternal life and eternal death on the part of multiplied

thousands of people all over the world who may or may not be reached with some sort of witnessing effort according to what we do during the conven-

The Scripture says, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." That doesn't leave us much choice. If we want what we do to be worthwhile in the sight of the Lord, ve must pray about it.

Whether they are going to the convention or not, Mississippi Baptists are bound by their Christian commitment to pray for the convention.

Otherwise it will not be what it ought

The Baptist Record in 1982

The following is the report of the Baptist Record for 1982 to be delivered to the messengers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for 1982 through the

the second issue of this year. Thus for almost seven months of this year we were paying postage rates that were far beyond what had been budgeted and what was available from subscription

Guest opinion . . .

By Kenneth M. Murphy.

The cotton fields were beautiful-

gleaming white and ready to be

picked-as I drove along the highway.

I remembered viewing those scenes

quite differently as a boy growing up in

South Alabama. Even in those days

dragging a heavy cotton sack in the

blazing sun and picking cotton for four

cents a pound was a hard way to make

Over the years that harvesting pro-

cess has changed completely. Day

laborers, bent to the low cotton stalks,

spending money.

A chance quote by the editor in the Washington Post concerning the postage situation brought a Washington lobbying organization riding to the rescue, and frustration was turned into meaningful effort. Still hope was turned into despair and despair was turned into hope only to be dashed again on the rocks of despair until finally on July 28 a significant reduction in the postage rate was realized. It was only for two months or until the end of the governmental fiscal year on Sept. 30, but it was extremely helpful. At this writing there was no indication of the situation for fiscal year 1983 that was

During most of 1982 the Baptist Record kept its subscription rate steady while hoping for a postage cost rollback. Finally on July 15 a subscription increase was announced after consultation with the members of the Budget Record Advisory Committee, a convention-elected group named to give direction to the paper in matters of content when it is needed and to counsel in other matters when called on. It was not known on July 15 that a postage reduction was imminent.

During its efforts to conserve finances by struggling for a postage rate

trudging through the fields picking cotton by hand, are only a memory. In

their place huge machines, lumbering

through the fields, pick several rows at

walked along the highway. A shoulder

strap supported a big sack not unlike

the cotton sacks of long ago. But he

was filling it with cans as he picked

I believe there is a parable here for

the church. For many Christians, the

them up along the roadside.

to seek to extend its ministry to the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as is directed by the convention constitution. The paper kept its readers in touch with missions partnership fields in California and in Paraguay, Uruguay. and Argentina. As whirlwinds of controversy tangled lines of communications between Baptists during the time of the New Orleans Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Record sought to keep information flowing so that those who were taking positions might have the means of un-

The work of the Baptist Record is carried on by a staff of eight individuals. The editor is Don McGregor, who has completed eight years with the paper; and the associate editor is Tim Nicholas, who has been on the staff for six years. The editorial associate is Anne McWilliams, who is closing in on

30 years of service with the Baptist Record. The editor's secretary is also the advertising manager, and she has passed 16 years of service. She is Evelyn Keyes. Florence Larrimore is another secretary who also functions as proofreader and as a darkroom technician, and she had passed 13 years of service. Renee Walley is circulation assistant with 4 years of service, and Betty Anne Bailey is financial records clerk with 5 years of service. The Baptist Record maintains its own circulation list through the use of a computer terminal in its office that is operated by Gail Wood. She has been a part of the staff since January 1.

The work of the Baptist Record continues to be an endeavor to aid the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in their mission of witnessing to the world. This is done by seeking to help the members of those churches to be better able to serve as church members through the use of information provided for that purpose by the Baptist Record. The hope is that this purpose can continue to be wellserved through a sizeable circulation and a large readership even in the face of a subscription rate increase in September.

There will be no additional increase

Prayer Links—Our Bond of Strength HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THIER PRAYERS "_ 1 PET 3:12

Faces And Places

Thursday in Buenos Aires

Pattie Dent, Loia Autry, Donna apartment, at 141 Bolanos, across Durr, Joan Peterson, and I arrived in Buenos Aires in the early afternoon of Oct. 14, (enroute to Cordoba and Thea, to help teach MKs while their parents studied for a MasterLife Conference.) To our great delight, we really did find spring in Argentina. It was like late April—the leaves well formed, in tender greens, the afternoon sunny and pleasant—the night a bit cooler.

An hour's wait on the runway in Atlanta had slowed us (a mechanical problem-and we preferred to wait, rather than take off before it was resolved!) But we left from Miami at 11:50 p.m., Oct. 13. Front row seats on the 747, Air Argentina, gave us a wall where we could prop our feet while we dozed.

At the "Migraciones" desk, Buenos Aires airport, we handed in our embarkation cards. Now the dreaded hour had come. How would we deal with 620 lb. of luggage, plus purses? But there were rows and rows of carts-all empty. We each grabbed one, and when the suitcases came clicking around the luggage track, we hoisted them onto the carts and glided across the white marble floor, right up to the customs lanes, and nobody was asked to open a bag.

"Have you anything to declare?" the customs agent asked me but his accent was not Mississippian and I failed to understand. After I repeated "Sir?" three times, he said, "Don't you speak English?" I didn't have anything to declare.

Mary Evelyn Divers, missionary met us-and yes, she was a bit amazed to see so many suitcases, but she rallied quickly, and summoned two taxis. Her car and the taxis managed to hold

the five of us, and 15 bags, more or less. The drivers didn't really know where we were going-they were following Mrs. Divers' car. Pattie and I were in one taxi, Joan and Donna in another-and Lola with Mrs. Divers. The luggage was stowed wherever it would fit, regardless of owner. And we were off for one of the wildest rides I can remember. The drivers didn't really know where we were going-they were following Mrs. Divers' car. Pattie and I were in one taxi, Joan and Donna in another-and Lola with Mrs. Divers. The luggage was stowed wherever it would fit, regardless of owner. The drivers would slow to 10 miles an hour and talk to each other across lanes on the freeway, and then zoom off at a terrific speed, as if racing. At first, Pattie and I held our breaths, but then just relaxed and marveled at the driver's skill in dodging cars. He stopped to buy gas-and then drove like lightning to catch up with Mrs. Divers. We were following

her. Remember? We were to stay a couple of nights at. the Baptist Mission's hospitality from the Baptist Seminary, quite near the house that Jack and Jean Glaze built. All bags were unloaded-we thought. Then Lola missed her camera bag. (She's a professional photographer-and the bag contained \$800 to \$1,000 worth of equipment.) She knew it was in the trunk of the cab that Pattie and I had occupied. We felt sure it had simply been overlooked, but no one knew the driver's name-there must be hundreds of taxis in that city. Mrs. Divers said the driver might not think of looking in the cab trunk again for days. She joined with us in prayer that the bag might be found elsewhere, or somehow.

An hour or so later, Joan suggested, Let's pray specifically." We did, as she asked the Lord to give the driver a reason that afternoon for opening his cab trunk.

We rested, walked, and bought fresh bananas, apples, and tangelos from a fruit shop, for supper. At perhaps 8:30, the doorbell rang. Susie Plunk, missionary who lives upstairs at 141 Bolanos, answered. Our driver, thirty-ish, dark-eyed, smiling, stood there with Lola's camera bag.

Susie knew nothing of the lost bag story, could not understand why the man was there at that time of night, and was telling him to leave. Suddenly Pattie glanced out the door, recognized him, and cried, "Wait! Don't let

him go!" And the driver's story poured out, in Spanish with Susie to interpret: "My car almost caught fire. When the smoke started pouring out, I stopped. I looked in the trunk to locate a tool, and found your bag. And I have driven 35 miles to bring it back." He told Susie we all seemed to be having such a good time that afternoon that he wondered what in our lives made us so happy.

Seeing his responsiveness and feeling the direction of the Holy Spirit, Joan grasped the chance to explain to him (Susie still interpreting) about our answered prayer, and to give him a tract in Spanish.

Susie told us later, "I guess you know that not many who found that bag would have come so far to return

"But like Rhoda, we almost turned him away," Donna said. (Read Acts 12:13-16).

Next day we had more excitement. We missed our plane for Cordoba, but that gave us more time in Buenos Aires-which we liked. Every place: we went in Argentina, in fact, we liked. Everywhere the people were kind and hospitable. Not one expressed antagonism. Next week I'll tell more about our mission project at Villa Bautista.

Book of Reports and the convention an-Anxieties and uncertainties feared for the Baptist Record in 1981 did indeed develop during 1982. Chief among these concerns was the postage rate that tripled from the first issue of 1981 to

and advertising income.

Then began a slow, agonizing, desperate fight to get the postage rate turned around. Because of his position at that time as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, the Baptist Record editor and the editor's secretary became the central figures in a nationwide effort by all of the Southern Baptist state papers to seek to influence the U.S. Congress to appropriate enough money to implement the phase-out of a subsidy program for nonprofit, second-class publications that had been in effect for more than 125 to have begun on October 1.

decrease the Baptist Récord continued

derstanding each other. And week by week the Baptist Re-

cord has told of the activities of Mississippi Baptists all over the state, it has promoted the activities of the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, it has provided news of Southern Baptists all over the nation, it has reported news of convention-related matters across the United States, and it has told of the work of Baptists all over the world.

"fields white unto harvest" have be-

come too difficult and time-consuming

to deal with as individuals. The results

are too meager for our production-

oriented lifestyles. We choose to

gather crops that make a profit for us

After all, there are specialists who

do that job well. They use more cost-

efficient and time-saving methods.

Isn't it better, we reason, to spend our

time in what we do best and contract

that job to the high-volume specialist. That may be the best way to harvest cotton, but not souls. One Christian sharing his faith personally with a lost, person is still the best way to win him to Christ. Of course, we should use any method that works. But we will win the world to Christ only Mission includes the efforts of an army of soul laborers working in the har-

Kenneth M. Murphy is pastor of Iuka Church, Iuka.

Letters to the Editor

Harvesting and harvesters

As I drove by one of the fields, a boy 'and leave the harvesting of souls to

Hospitality in Mississippi

My LLL Choir (Live Longer and Love It) made up of senior adults age 60 to 83 years old has just recently returned from tour of Mississippi. I am a native Mississippian, now living in Texas, and decided I wanted these fine people to know the great people of Mis-

We were in the Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church in Vicksburg, Raymond Baptist Church and Briarwood Drive Baptist church in Jackson to present the musical, "Kingdom Within." We also presented a program at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. All of these places were just the kindest and most gracious that we could ever hope to find. I want the people of Mississippi to know just how proud I am to be a native of that great state and to be a Southern Bap-

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tist that came to know the Lord in that great state.

Thank you for the tradition of Mississippi-HOSPITALITY! Allen Harris

Minister of Music First Church of White Settlement Fort Worth, Texas

Start at the bench mark

Editor: Is recently attended a short tour of several historical sites in our county. This tour included three very old and historic churches, each of a different major Protestant denomination. I was struck by the fact that only the Southern Baptist church was still holding

regular services. I have been considering this very informing, almost startling situation. Other denominations, like we Southern Baptists, have had good mission programs, well educated clergy, motivated laymen, and smooth running national organizations. How then did this happen and how can we avoid

The answer, I think, lies in our view of the scriptures. No, I do not think that holding a right view of the Bible is more important than reaching the world for Christ. But I had done some surveying before I entered the ministry, and we always started at a bench mark. We did not think that the bench mark was more important than the highway intersection or water system we were installing; but we knew that if we wanted our structures to be in the right place, we had to begin from a known and assured starting place, in other words an accurately surveyed bench mark.

Likewise, we will know that missionary activities and our other Southern Baptist efforts will be built in their proper place by our "bench mark"

view of God's Holy Word. One hundred years from now when a group stops at our church on another historical tour, I want us to still be meeting and worshipping God there.

David S. Gosslee, pastor **Toxish Church**

Pontotoc

Bay Springs faithful

Editor: Recently Bay Springs Baptist Church recognized a unique situation.

In the year 1927, Bay Springs called Edward Farr as pastor. Bro. Farr was a young man just beginning in the ministry. Also there was a young man in the church serving as clerk and treasurer. This young man, Clyde Edwards, was just beginning his active service for our Lord as a layman.

Many years later, in fact on September 24, 1982, it was recognized that it was 55 years ago that this happened. Bro. Farr has the unique distinction as being a member of Bay Springs Church again, not as pastor but active in service. Also Clyde Edwards is still very faithful and serves as chairman of deacons. These two men are among the three or four members that are above the age of 75.

We at Bay Springs Church thank God for these and all the faithful members. J. M. Snowden serves as present

> **Gladys Puckett Public Relations Bay Springs Baptist Church**

Association supports resolutions

Editor: The Mrshall County Baptist Association held its 62nd annual fall meeting o Oct. 11 and 12. The Association adoped to support all but especially thee four resolutions as pre-sented by the Southern Baptist Convention in ew Orleans this past June: These restution are as follows:

Resolutin No. 1 (SBC No. 9)-On' Prayer in chools.

Resolutin No. 2 (SBC No. 11)—On Abortion ad Infanticide. Resolution No. 3 (SBC No. 21)-On Concern for Families.

Resolutio No. 4 (SBC No. 22) On Alcohol. **Opal lowlin**

Unless worm the habit of going to the Bible in right moments as well as in trouble, a cannot fully respond to its consolators because we lack

ness. Helen eller

equilibrium etween light and dark-

Assoctional Clerk

HMB's Nelson to etire to Alabama associltion

ALBERTVILLE, Ala. (BP)-James W. Nelson, director of the associational missions division for the South ern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been elected director of missions for the Marshall Missionary Baptist Association in the county where he was

Nelson, 58, will take early retirement from the Home Mission Board. effective Jan. 1, 1983, after 22 years as a HMB missionary, director of missions for New Mexico Baptists and national staff member.

He will be going back home to retire in Albertville where he graduated from high school, where his mother,

Emma Dean elson, lives and where he met his wi, Annis Dodd.

Before joing the Home Mission Board staff it 75 as director of the rural-urban ssions department, Nelson was actor of the mission ministries dision for the Baptist Convention of w Mexico from 1971-75. He has als worked with Navajo Indians and inanama.

Before apperment as a missio-nary, Nelson is pastor of several churches in Alama and Mississippi, including Catha Springs Baptist Church and B Brewton Baptist Church, both Brewton, Ala., and Goodyear Bapt Church, Picayune,

Book Reviews BE BORN IN US TODAY by Billy E.

Simmons4 Broadman Press, NASHVILLE, Tenn.; 128 pages.

The author says that "The coming of the sovereign God into human form is one of the major themes of the Christian faith." The primary thrust of the book is to emphasize the doctrine of the incarnation during the Christmas season when it is most on the minds of people. This is a book of meditations. and some of them deal with the incarnation from different perspectives because the author says "the doctrine of the incarnation is for every season and should not be relegated just to Christmas." The author is associate professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary.—DTM

THE DOCTRINE OF BIBLICAL AUTHORITY by Russell H. Dilday, Jr.; Convention Press, Nashville, Tenn.; 158 pages.

The author is president of Southwestern Seminary. The book is a study course text in the area of Baptist doctrine.

B. J. THOMAS & GLORIA THOMAS—IN TUNE—FINDING
HOW GOOD LIFE CAN BE; Fleming, H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, N. U.; 188 pages; \$10.95.

This book is autobiographical, mostly written by Gloria Thomas but also contains sections written by B. J. Thomas. It is the story of the rise to fame of singer B. J. Thomas, the problems that came with the fane, the failure to adequately cope with the problems that came with the fame, the fainally their faith in God made it possible for them to gain control of their lives and make them productive and meaningful.-DTM

Just for the Record

After attending a prayer meeting where everyone prayed very loud a little boy remarked, "If they lived nearer to God they wouldn't have to pray so loud."

The minister's new secretary, a former worker in the Pentagon, was busily reorganizing her boss's filing system. She labeled one drawer "Sacred" and the other "Top Sacred."

"She knows everything about every missionary"

By Erich Bridges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)-Coworkers at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board used to tease Edna Frances (Efee") Dawkins, who retires in December after 35 years of service, about having "1,001 best friends." The joke is now an understatement.

"She knows everything about every missionary everywhere," says Bobbie Sorrill, education division director at Woman's Missionary Union. "If you mention a missionary name, she knows the life history.

Longtime Foreign Mission Board colleague Elmer West insists Efee knows more information about more missionaries than any other person ever related to this board. She's a computer with compassion.'

West has been Efee's boss twice, first in the missionary personnel selection department and now in the ministries and deputation department. There Efee nurtures the 2,900 strong Foreign Mission Fellowship, a contact network of retired and former missionaries and returned journeymen which she almost singlehandedly constructed over the last decade.

"People used to treat you like some sort of pariah if you resigned," said Rudolph Wood, former missionary to Luxembourg and Belgium, at a recent foreign mission fellowship get-together in Fredericksburg, Va. "But Efee helped change that. In her own personality she's been the stimulus that brought about a different attitude.

The North Carolina native herself felt a call to missions in China as a young woman, breaking a marriage engagement in the mid-1940s to pursue it. But M. Theron Rankin, then foreign board executive secretary saw her talent for personnel work. She had earned a master's degree in personnel administration and worked as assistant dean of women at her undergraduate alma mater, Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. He invited her to join the board staff in 1947.

During the early '50s Efee, West, and two secretaries handled all correspondence, contacts and missionary applications related to missionary service. She continued her interest and knowledge of the missionaries up to

Retiree Lorene Tilford remembers the major operation she had in 1974 and the special trip Efee made to Atlanta to be with her. "We don't forget

things like that," she says.

Helen Jean Parks, former missionary and wife of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks, remembers the vacation time Efee took to care for the Parks children while their parents traveled

In her book, The Gifted Woman I Am, Marjorie Rowden Kelly of Mississippi suggests Efee has used the

spiritual gift of friendship by developing "a capacity for sharing herself with others to the total abandonment of her own needs." That intensity occasionally results in exhaustion, but Efee has no regrets.

Now retirement approaches but not inactivity. She's a deacon at her church and active in a professional women's organization. Efee plans to write a book about her experiences, travel to China in the spring of 1983, and teach missions the following fall as a visiting professor at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. She even contemplates volunteer service overseas, perhaps as a mission station hostess, guiding visiting Southern Baptists and other volunteers.

A light shines in her eyes as she talks of the volunteer possibility. Fellowship with missionaries on the field, she says, is "the nearest thing to grace of anything I can describe.

Former missionary Paul Bell says 'I hope the Foreign Mission Board can hire 20 people to do what she has

R. Fred Selby Jr., pastor of First Church, Perry, Okla., has accepted the call of Main Street Church, Hatiesburg, as pastor.

His first Sunday in the pulpit will be Nov. 21, Selby is a native of Little Rock, Ark. He attended Baylor University and is a graduate of **Ouachita Baptist**

Selby University and Southwestern Seminary. Other pastorates have been Trinity Church, Malvern, Ark., pastor; Grace Church, Rayville, La., pastor; Calvary Church, Shreveport, La., associate, pastor-youth; Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., associate pastor-youth; and First Church, Pawhuska, Okla.,

Corinth Baptist Church, Jasper County, has called Jerry East as youth minister. He transferred from Jones Junior College to University of Southern Mississippi, where he is a junior. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley East of Moss. Ed Holloman is pastor at

Walter M. Simmons, his wife, Jewell, and their two sons, Joey and Ray, have moved into the pastorium at Philadelphia Church, Webster Association. He has been pastor since 1970 in the associations of Montgomery, Yalobusha, Panola, Tallahatchie, and Washington. Simmons was born in Webster County and Philadelphia is the first church he attended with his parents when he was a child.

Silver Creek Church, Pike County, has called Charles Williams as pastor Williams and his family have moved from the pastorate of the Center Point Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas., where he had served since 1973. He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and M.Div. degree from Southwestern Seminary. Other Mississippi pastorates included Glading Baptist Church, Magnolia, and Union Baptist Church, Roxie.

Randy W. Turner has resigned as pastor of Pocahontas Baptist Church, Jackson. He has accepted a call to be pastor of West Fairburn Baptist Church, Fairburn, Ga. He had served at Pocahontas for three years.

Jimmy Craft, 31, of Gulfport is new pastor of First Church, Tutwiler. A na-



sippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Jackie Cox of Gulfport. They have three daughters, Amy,

Sarah and Laura.

David Hancock has accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Unity Baptist Church, Leakesville. He attended Indiana University where he received a B.M. degree, and is now attending Mobile College where he expects to receive a B.A. in church music. He is teaching cello in Saraland where he resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hancock, professor of music at Mobile College. Danny L. Chaney is the pastor of Unity Church.

Hinds Madison Association has a new secretary, Georgia May. She was secretary for five years at McDowell Road Church, Jackson.

Oster Daniel has been called as interim pastor of the Walnut Grove . Church in Leake Association.

Wind Ensemble will perform at Morrison Heights

When the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Wind Ensemble performs November 7 at Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, They will be under the direction of William Mac Davis.

An instructor in music theory and composition at Southwestern, Davis has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1979. In addition to his work with instrumental music ensembles, he teaches courses in theory and composition. He is a native of Mississippi, and a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the University of Utah. Prior to joining the Southwestern faculty, he was a member of the University of Utah faculty.

The ensemble will perform a new composition by Davis during the tour. The work was commissioned for the seminary's 75th anniversary celebration during 1982-83.

The performance will begin at 7 according to the pastor, Kermit D. McGregor, and Bill Barnes, minister

(Bridges is an FMB newswriter.) Having been to Halifax helps in this witness

By Opal Carleton EL VERANO, Calif. (BP)-Until last April Al Karnes rebuffed everyone who talked to him about becoming a Christian.

But when Arch Martin, pastor of Craig Avenue Baptist Church in El Verano, was asked by a "kind, meek little lady" to talk with Karnes his instant reply was "Certainly I'll go."

Martin was told about Karnes' treatment of others who had tried to talk to him about Christianity and was warned "Be careful. You don't know what you're getting into. Karnes is rough with anyone who tries to talk about Christianity." That week "with some reserva-

tions" Martin drove into the old seaman's yard, but when the pastor continued to talk to Mrs. Karnes, Karnes demanded, "Turn around and talk to me!" "Do you know Harry Williams?"

Karnes asked. Martin had known Williams, director of evangelism in the California state convention, during seminary days.

"He used to sit there in that chair across the room and tell me I was

going to Hell. I'd tell him I'd meet him there," Karnes boasted. (Harry Williams is the brother of Glen Williams, director of missions in Pike association in Mississippi.)

Karnes next asked where Martin was from. When Martin told him he wouldn't have heard of it, he replied he was an old seafaring man and had been around the world several times.

"I asked him if he knew where Nova Scotia was," Martin explained. "His face brightened when I told him I'd lived 110 miles from Halifax. Immediately our friendship became closer. He asked about the Halifax explosion that demolished the city and the surrounding towns. I told him my father had helped dig the dead from the debris.

Karnes said he'd been on a ship that had docked in Halifax and was to have stayed there three days. Instead they received orders to pull anchor and sail. They were just outside the harbor when the waters divided from the explosion.

Martin seized the opportunity and said, "Mr. Karnes, at your age and

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spend eternity?'

when he was leading and didn't notice the words of the song. He said, "I want the women to sing the verse 'I will go home today,' and the men to come in on the chorus with 'Glad day, Glad day," "The people were laughing too much to sing the song.

VILLAGE Baptist Children's Village

(BP) PHOTO By Paul Brock

RETIRING Foreign Mission Board staff member Edna Frances Dawkins (right) is

embraced by a former missionary at a recent Foreign Mission Fellowship meeting in

Fredericksburg, Va. After 35 years as a personnel secretary and as manager of the

fellowship, "Efee" knows and loves thousands of missionaries and their families.

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Thank you, "M.C."

Mississippi College students con-tinue to be faithful in their commitment to and relationship with young people who are making their home at

*Tutorial assistance from members of the Baptist Student Union, sharing afternoons of football with the Civitan Club members, and operating booths and planning activities for the recent Halloween Carnival are but a few of the ways some very special college students find to touch and enrich the lives of others.

These students take time from their schedules to "be there" in so many ways, and for this, we consider both the students and their friendship very significant to Village young people and Village life. THANK YOU!

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Gifts of Honor and Memory Sept. 26 - Oct. 25

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special

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strange expression and replied, "The other morning at breakfast I settled that, and my Bible tells me that I shouldn't be ashamed to repeat it before men. If Mamma will come with me I'll join your church Sunday morn-

considering the experiences you'd

had, have you ever asked yourself, 'If

this were the end for me where would I

Karnes looked at Martin with a

ing!"
Mrs. Karnes was standing in the next room. In a loud voice and with evident happiness, she said, "I'll go with you! This is the happiest day of my life." (Adapted from The California

Southern Baptist.)

Just for the Record

A song leader had a very rough time

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Just for the Record



Richmond Church, Lee County, recently held a note burning ceremony. The debt on the three bedroom brick pastorium was paid off in three years. Burning a copy of the note, from left are deacons Willie Schumpert, Graves Ruff, Glen Harris, Jr., Eugene McDaniel; and pastor Robert H. Rogers. Deacons not pictured are Billy Shumpert, Doug Bradley, and Potious Posey. Trustees are Larry Lindsey, Benny Williams and Glen Harris, Jr.



Sabougla Church in Calhoun Association will have building dedication services at 2 p.m. Nov. 7, at which time there will be a note-burning ceremony. The dedicatory message will be delivered by a former pastor, Dan B. Wright. Gary Roberts is pastor.



Calvary Baptist Church of Columbia, Oct. 10, officially observed having paid off a \$200,000 note made in 1972 to finance construction at the church. Taking part in the note burning in the morning worship hour were, from left, Lawrence Weatherford, Buford Ashley, Marvin Polk, Cowart Pope, Clarence Pierce, Carl Pierce, and Hollis Dunaway, Ken Jordan is pastor.

The Rainbow Connection was the theme of a G.A. recognition service Oct. 10 at Union Church in Covington Association. G.A.s who received badges were Rita Wilson, Heather Barrett, Michelle Rogers (awards bearer), Julie Folkes, Rachel Wilson, Carolee Harrell, Angie Craft, Pam Haynes, Kristi Craft, and Beverly Haynes. Kristi Craft completed all six missions adventure books and received all six badges and the Mission Adventures Pin. Pam Haynes, Kristi Craft, and Beverly Haynes were given the Acteen bracelet and Queenly Quest charms for being eligible for promotion to Acteens. Kathy Miller is G.A. director.

Deacon chairman, Quentin Worthy, reports that in addition to other improvements, a new steeple has been added to Philadelphia Church, in Webster Association.

We spend ten thousand dollars for a school bus so children won't have to walk. Then we spend one hundred thousands dollars for a gym so they can get some exercise.

Enthusiasm is knowledge on fire.

Thanksgiving for God's greatest gift

By Robert B. Barnes, faculty, New Orleans Seminary II Corinthians 9:16

Have you ever looked at a sunset, a mountain view, the roll of the ocean's tide and then tried to describe it? Well, that must have been something like Paul's situation here. The living, holy, sovereign God had given Paul a gift which could not be described but for which Paul was thankful. Even though he couldn't describe it, what are some of the things Paul says about this gift?

Paul says it is by grace through faith that the gift is received. God loved us while we were sinners and let his Son die for us. By the power of the risen Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have become a new creation, have been begotten of God, and now are God's heirs and joint-heirs with Jesus. We call this salvation, the new birth, the birth from above. But not only was the gift a new beginning, it also had an

Barnes assured ending. The child of God has been sealed by the Holy Spirit, which is God's guarantee that what God has begun he will complete. Paul could say, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God," and one day he would receive what he had committed unto God.

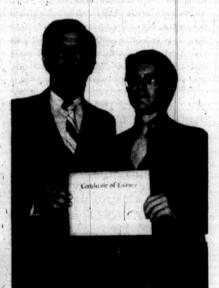
Between the beginning and the ending, the children of God are expected to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling while at the same time God is working in them "to will and to act according to his good purpose." In this process, the Christian can be grateful that God's "grace is sufficient," all conditions can be faced through Christ who gives strength, and that God will meet all needs "according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Every child of God, in the world but not of the world, has reason to thank God for the gift of eternal life, for the kept life, and for the abundant life in Christ Legus

Chunky Church: homecoming Nov. 7; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 with Johnnie Lollar, former member, as speaker; covered dish dinner at 12; afternoon singing and special program at 1:30; regular night activities; music and singing under direction of T. R. Darsey; Curtis L. Guess, pastor.

Sand Hill Baptist Church, Greene County, will hold homecoming, Sunday, Nov. 7. George Breland of Jackson will bring the morning message. Dinner and fellowship will follow the morning message. A concert will be presented by the Searchers Quartet at 1:30 p.m. There will be no evening services. Bruce L. Worrell, Jr. is the pastor.

Straight Bayou Church, near Anguilla: 19th annual Harvest Day, Nov. 7; C. A. Johnson, a former pastor, now pastor at Oak Grove, La., to bring the morning message; Kenneth Turner; East Side Church, Belzoni, leading the music; Sunday School at 10; worship at 11; covered dish meal at 12:15; Praise Service and special music at 1:30 p.m.; no night service; Harvest Day Offering to be taken; James K. Burke, pastor.



Youth licensed

Victor S. Chamberlain Jr. has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Morgantown Church, Natchez. In a special service for the occasion, the youth of the church served as lay worship leaders under the direction of Michael Carter, minister of music and youth. Chamberlain delivered the sermon. After the message, Talmadge E. Smith, pastor, gave the charge from the church, and presented Chamberlain a certificate of license. Chamberlain, 15, is a student at South Natchez High School.

Names In The News.

J. B. Watson, sociology professor at Mississippi College, has been named vice-president of the Northeast Louisiana University Baptist Student Union Alumni.

Deacon ordination service were held Sept. 26 at East McComb Church. The following were ordained: Carl Fuller, Tommy Wells, Ara Harvey. Participating in the service: Glen Williams, director of missions, Pike County; Jerry W. Smith, minister of youth and education; and James O. Bickham, minister of music.

James W. Everett, pastor of Bentonia Church, has been cited by the U.S. Jaycees as an outstanding young man of America on the basis of national development through a community service program.

Corinth Baptist Church, Jasper County, has awarded Sunday School perfect attendance pins to the following for one year: Brad Myrick; Marie Cotton, Clint Cotton, Thomas Cotton, Nancy Myrick, Joe Mapp, Hazel Mapp, Buster Walters, Corey Myrick, Pat Myrick, Tammy McCarty, Elma Mims, Glenwood Cotton, and for six

Uniform

months: Debbie Cross, Digger Stauffer, Robin Chaney, Corey Steperson, James Hickson, Sandy Smith, Stephanie Cross, Brenda Hickson, Missy Mapp, Kelly Stauffer, Machelle Myrick, Robin McCarty, Madge Walters, Penny Hickson, Amy Hickson, T. C. Myrick, Auther Smith, and Bobby Waltman. Richard Gavin is Sunday School director. Edd Holloman is pas-

Hardin-Simmon's University's Logsdon School of Theology will sponsor a one-day Bivocational Ministers' Conference, Nov. 15 on the theme, "What Is That In Your Hand?"

Principal conference speaker will be Dale Holloway, National Consultant for Bivocational Ministries for the Home Mission Board, and pastor of the Day Star Baptist Church, Florence.



Four members of Sabougla Church in Calhoun Association have been recognized for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Left to right, they are Richard Easley, 1 year; Kim Meadows, 1 year; J. W. Meadows, 3 years; and Mrs. Doris Walker, 14 years.

Bible Book

Appeal for maturity

By Gene Henderson, pastor, Fairview, Columbus II Cor. 6:11-7:16

The heart of the Apostle Paul is revealed clearly in II Cor. 6:11-7:16. Rarely did Paul use direct address (cf. Gal. 3:1; Phil. 4:15) as in II Cor. 6:11. It was always indicative of intense personal interest. Paul interrupted his intimate appeal (6:11-13, 7:2-4) with an appeal for separation from evil associations (6:14-7:1). He concluded his appeal by expressing appreciation to the Corinthians for the comfort received through the report from Titus regarding their response to his leadership (7:5-16).

I. Appeal for reciprocal love (6:11-13,

In the exposition of his ministry (3:1-6:10) Paul had tried to make clear to the Corinthians the sincerity of his heart. He made himself transparent regarding his purpose and motives in ministry. Any barrier to total reconciliation between himself and the Corinthians must be in them for Paul put no restrictions on his love for them (6:11-12). He appealed, therefore, that they would reciprocate his love. After all, they were his spiritual children

Apparently Paul's opponents had accused him of impure motives and conduct. Paul assured the Corinthians that these charges were false (7:2). Paul could not recall a single incident where he "treated anyone unjustly," or where he had "ruined" the morals or doctrine of anyone, or where he had acted in "any way dishonestly for gain." Paul loved the Corinthians to the point that he would live or die for them. He hoped they would reciprocate that love. He expressed confidence that they would (7:4).

Paul knew that reconciliation was possible only through genuine love and sincerity. He initiated the process by opening up himself to the Corinthians. He believed that love would evoke love. Perhaps, reconciliation would be possible for many today if Paul's pattern were emulated.

II. Appeal for righteous giving (6:14-

7:1)
Paul also appealed for the Corinthians to sever some unwholesome relationships. Perhaps their relationship with unbelievers was a hindrance to their relationship with Paul. Paul exhorted them not to be "unequally yoked" with those who were their spiritual opposites: rejectors of Christ, rebellers against the rule of God, those living in darkness, and those under the dominion of Satan. Most often "unequally yoked" is

applied to marriage. However, it also could include business partnerships, social relationships, or any relationship that tempted a believer to compromise convictions. Christians are to be in the world but not of the world (Jn. 17:13-18). Christians are to permeate the world, not withdraw from it. However, greater care must be exercised not to establish any permanent relationship that would hinder Christian growth and practice.

The Christian has no more in com-

mon with unbelievers than the temple of God had with idols. No images, not even of God, were allowed in the temple. Believers therefore should separate themselves from union or partnerships with unbelievers (7:15-16). Just as Israel was commanded to leave behind every unclean thing in Babylon (Is. 52:11), the Christian is also to be separated. Such separation leads to a greater and closer union with God and with those in the family of God. Paul urged the Corinthians to eliminate from their total life everything and anything that would hinder their relationship with God (7:1).

III. Appreciation for response to leadership (7:5-16)

When Paul left Ephesus and came to Macedonia he was greatly concerned about the church at Corinth, so much so that he was hampered in his ninistry (cf. II Cor. 2:12-13). The news brought by Titus relieved the apostle. He rejoiced not only to see Titus but at the good report Titus brought regarding the desire of the Corinthians to see Paul again, the mourning because of the trouble they had caused Paul, and the zeal they had to support him and to repudiate his accusers (7:6-7).

Paul was relieved also to discover that his letter, which was direct, had been received well. Apparently after he wrote it he began to fear that the Corinthians would react to it. His purpose in the letter had been to lead the Corinthians to repentance (7:8-10). Paul knew that sometimes it was necessary to cause sorrow in order to help someone recognize the truth. His motive had been pure. His main interest had been to jolt the Corinthians so they would act according to the truth that was in them. Secondarily, he defended himself and put the offender in his place (7:12). The Corinthians had responded and Paul hoped and even beyond. Their eagerness to support Paul proved their innocence

The actions of the Corinthians toward Titus also validated their support of Paul (7:13-16). Paul had boasted to Titus regarding the Corint-

Into the Promised Land Looking toward victory

By Charles S. Davis, associate professor of Bible, MC Joshua 3-4

More than 600 years after God first promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants, Joshua had begun making final preparations to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land! Having received a favorable report from the two men he had sent to spy out Jericho, Joshua moved his people from their encampment in Moab to the banks of the Jordan River. After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, hoping to enter Canaan at last, they found themselves facing an unexpected hazard.

So near the goal and yet so far! It was springtime and the Jordan was at flood stage. There were no bridges and no boats. They were in sight of their objective, yet they must wait three long days and make careful preparation for movement into the Promised Land.

I. Movement under God's leadership

(3:1-13)
Movement into the Promised Land was to be an advance under God. The symbol of God's presence, the ark of the covenant, was to go before the children of Israel. The ark was customarily located in the midst of their ranks. But when it was carried at the head of the procession of Israel, it signified that the Lord was leading the way (see Numbers 10:33, 35-36).

The advance was to be marked by three attitudes:

(1) Reverence—The Israelites were told to keep a distance of approximately 1,000 yards between the ark and themselves. Why? It is a warning against being too careless and casual in the holy presence of God.

(2) Caution—The people are warned to keep the ark in sight, "for you have not passed this way before." Without the leadership of God, they (nor we) would know where to go. Advance requires courage, but also caution. Paul said, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

(3) Faith—Joshua told the people.

(3) Faith—Joshua told the people: "Consecrate yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." We, like them, must live with a sense of wonder and expectant faith, for the hope of the world ultimately is

hians. They had confirmed Paul's confidence by their eager willingness to do whatever Titus requested. Paul expressed confidence that the Corinthians would respond to his appeal to reciprocate his love and to become separate from all that defiled.

in the hands of those who believe in a God able to do the impossible and the incredible

II. Miracle of God's grace (3:14-17)

Joshua and the priests and the people must have had some anxious hours as they stood before the flooded Jordan. In the dry season they might have waded across it with ease; but in the springtime the waters were deep and swollen. Yet man's extremity is always God's opportunity. The Lord of all the earth anticipated their need (3:13) and intervened in their behalf (3:16). The waters of the Jordan were cut off near the city of Adam (Adamah)—about 16 miles upstream from Jericho.

In whatever way the Lord stopped the flow of the Jordan, he performed a miracle of love and grace. Whether he worked within the laws of nature or by temporarily setting aside these laws, the Lord of creation used the forces of his creation to accomplish his purposes on his schedule. Immediately, the priests and all the people of Israel passed over the Jordan on a dry river had!

III. Memorial to God's providence (4:1-24)

After the people were safely across the Jordan, the Lord instructed Joshua concerning a monument to memorialize the miracle. God knows that people who never look to the past in gratitude will find that the future will not look back to them with appreciation. God led his people to erect a memorial to his providence in this mighty act of intervention.

Twelve men, representing the twelve tribes, were each to take a stone from the river's bed and set up a monument, not to human genius but to God's achievement. They obeyed Joshua's instructions and set up the memorial at their new campsite, called Gilgal (the name means "circle of stones").

Joshua on two occasions stressed the importance of the Gilgal monument for future generations (4:6-7, 21-24). When the sight of the stones of remembrance caused their children to ask, "What do these stones mean?", the fathers were to tell them how God had rolled back the Jordan for his people to enter Canaan even as he had rolled back the sea for them to escape from Egypt

The Lord intended that his miracle at the Jordan should instill a deep and lasting reverence within his people. But his ultimate design was, through Israel, to reach and win all peoples of the earth (4:24). The same is true in all that he does for his people today.

Life and Work

By David McCubbin, associate possess paster, First, Meridian jumbo

To overcome the world is to get the upperhand on sin and the temptation to wrongdoing. This means forgiveness of sin and a growing love for righteousness as opposed to unrighteousness. Jesus Christ, his death on the cross, and his resurrected presence is the only means to this kind of victory.

To overcome the world is to rise above all the negative influences that make us ill at ease in the midst of God's creation and that cloud the truth that our very existence is an expression of his love for us. This victory is found too in the life and death of Jesus.

To overcome the world is to have life beyond the life that is here and now (heaven as opposed to hell). That is to say, we are not destroyed by death but rather are raised from it and the resulting existence is good. The assurance of this kind of victory is found only in Jesus.

I have suggested three ways that we might preceive the idea of overcoming the world. Each way is quite a different perception and yet they are really inseparable. It's a matter of looking at the victory God wills for believers from different angles.

The gnostic sects were causing havoc in the early church. Some Christians were being led astray. Many were being confused by gnostic teachings. They claimed to be in possession of and the keepers of a secret body of knowledge that put men in favor with the gods. They were the ones who were "in the know." Though Jesus was given a place in their scheme it was far from central and was incongruent with the truth as taught by Jesus and interpreted by the apostles.

John sought to counter this distortion of the gospel. Jesus Christ was central. To know him (abide in him) was to hold the key to all that God intended.

In chapter five, John sought to stimulate assurance and confidence in his believing readers, by telling them that their knowledge was adequate. Victory was theirs, they had already overcome the world because they were trusting in Jesus (5:4-5).

5:1-3 John mentioned a number of things: belief that Jesus is the Christ, love of God, love of others, obeying God's commandments. He wrapped them all up in the same bundle — they are part and parcel of the same package. You can't really have one without the other.

Then he wrote, "By this we know that we love the children of God . . ."
The information that false teachers

possessed might be any kind of mumbo jumbo but that which believers possessed was truly significant. Through their faith relationship to Jesus had come the knowledge that they had a genuine love for others. Oh that today our commitment to Christ might cause us to choose the path of love — God's kind of love — according to his commandments. Though this path is not easy we can be certain of his help (v. 3)

5:13 "I write ... that ye may know that you have eternal life." One of the forthright open teachings of Christianity is that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To these Christians who were being enticed by false teachers John reminded them that in Jesus they had the promise of eternal life.

5:14-17 Faith in God's son, John told his readers, builds confidence in the area of prayer. Note the qualification and the result concerning prayer. The qualification is stated, "according to his will." If our prayer meets the qualification we can expect the result — "he will hear." This is another aspect of the knowledge that we have as Christians. We know that the avenue of prayer is open to us.

John dealt with intercessory prayer very briefly. The idea of mortal sin is introduced. There are a number of different explanations as to what is meant by mortal sin. It is probably the same as the unpardonable sin of Matt. 12. As I see it, we are not forbidden to pray for one who has sinned mortally, it's just a question of its effectiveness.

5:18-21 We know, we know, we know.
The gnostics claim to know. John wanted his readers to know they had their own body of knowledge.
The believer does not lead a sin

laden lifestyle. It's because Jesus, the one born of God, is his companion. Jesus keeps Satan from taking charge of the believer's life (v. 18).

One of John's contrasts is expressed

again in verse 19. The world is in the power of the devil but believers are under the power of God.

In verse 20 John emphasized that the

believer's knowledge had to do with the truth. Jesus Christ is truth. Idols are false.

Christians will be victorious.

Through belief in Jesus they are in

Through belief in Jesus they are in possession of truth. In obedience, they are living a life of love that will overcome.

Little boats should keep near shore.—Franklin.